

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Bause et al.

SERIAL NUMBER: N/A

FILED: Herewith

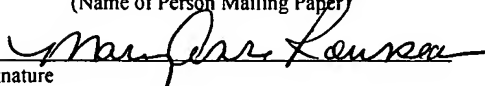
FOR: EVAPORATIVE EMISSIONS FILTER

) Group Art Unit  
) N/A  
) Examiner  
) N/A  
)  
)

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. BOX 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the present application, please amend the application as follows:

I certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Patent Office via express mail express mail label EV 2270 87 981 US, addressed to: Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on
<u>March 23, 2004</u> (Date of Deposit)
<u>Mary Anne Rousseau</u> (Name of Person Mailing Paper)
<u></u> Signature